(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to interlink several places of Madhya Pradesh such as Gwalior, Bhopal, Indore etc., with air services; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to link Gwalior with air services which is a place of tourism and historical importance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) At present, scheduled air services are available to/from Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur and Khajuraho in the State of Madhya Pradesh. NACIL, Alliance Air, Jet Airways, JetLite and Kingfisher Airlines are operating to/from Madhya Pradesh. Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

Construction work at airports

735. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction works of New Delhi and Mumbai Airports is to be completed;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has already been abnormally delayed; and

(c) if so, the final date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Construction of airport development projects at Mumbai and New Delhi airports are as per schedule. The Phase-I of the construction work is scheduled to be completed by March 2010 in the case of IGI Airport, New Delhi and by December 2012 in the case of CSI Airport, Mumbai.

Airport at Guntur

736. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is setting up an airport in the vicinity of Guntur district especially in Chilakaluri Peta in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when such airport will be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.